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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on November 27, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

First, the drawing objection to Figure 2 has not been addressed;

Second, the objection that the abstract is too long has not been addressed; and

Third, the rejection under 35 USC 112 to claim 27 has not been addressed^{OK} - it is noted that a twice amended version of claim 27 has been submitted but no changes are shown therefor.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Tuesday through Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

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